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**TITLE OF INVENTION**

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DATABASE  
STRUCTURE

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

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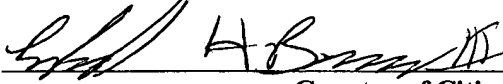
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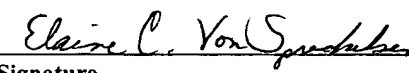
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